

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

1. Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 1, page 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--RELATED PATENT APPLICATION.

This application claims the benefit of United States provisional application number 60/429,756 entitled "System and Method for Wireless Audit and Cashless Transaction Transport" filed November 27, 2002 by Erin M. Defossé and claims the benefit of United States provisional application number 60/480,626 entitled "System and Method for Auditing a Vending Machine" filed June 23, 2003 by Erin M. Defossé and is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/971,170 filed on October 4, 2001 by Erin M. Defossé and entitled "Remote Data Acquisition, Transmission and Analysis System Including Handheld Wireless Equipment," (Attorney Docket No. 064814.0184) which is a ~~continuation~~ continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/267,254 filed on March 12, 1999 by Erin M. Defossé and entitled "Wide Area Network Operation's Center that Sends and Receives Data from Vending Machines," (Attorney Docket No. 064814.0107) now U.S. Patent No. 6,457,038 that claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/078,645, filed March 19, 1998, and entitled "Remote Data Acquisition and Transmission System for the Monitoring and Control of Vending Machines," and U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/099,434, filed September 8, 1998, and entitled "Remote Data Acquisition and Transmission System."